

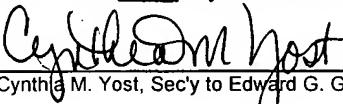


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In the application of)
Dale E. Husted) Group Art Unit 3676
Serial No.: 10/670,370)
Filed: September 26, 2003)
For: WINDBACK LABYRINTH)
SEAL THAT)
ACCOMMODATES A)
PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL)
FOR ROTATING SHAFTS) Alison K. Pickard, Examiner

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, the Applicant, through his attorney, responds as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.